**Demand for separate State by Gorkha National Liberation Front**

2234. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gorkha National Liberation Front chief Shri Subhash Geishing has given an ultimatum to the Prime Minister; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to curb the demand for separate State raised by Gorkha National Liberation Front?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The Gorkha National Liberation Front has been demanding the creation of Gorkhaland and the abrogation of the Indo-Nepal Friendship Treaty of 1950. It is not clear what kind of ultimatum the Hon'ble Member has in view.

The law and order problem arising out of the demand made by Gorkha National Liberation Front is mainly for the State Government to handle. The Central Government has been providing necessary assistance in the form of para-military forces.

At a meeting of the Union Home Minister with the Chief Minister West Bengal, on 6th August, 1986, it was decided that the Central Government and the State Government would fully coordinate in dealing with the situation and it was decided that the forces weakening the unity and integrity of the country will be dealt with firmly.

**Seizure of Hashish in Delhi**

2235. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large quantity of hashish has been found recently in South Delhi;

(b) the number of cases of recovery of narcotics in Delhi in the last one year;

(c) whether it is a fact that a traffic in narcotics is increasing in the capital; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to curb traffic in narcotics in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 2326 (in 1985).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The following steps are being taken by the Government in this regard:

(i) Some active drug traffickers/smugglers operating interstate and internationally have been identified. Constant watch is being maintain on them and on the drug pedlars/smugglers who are receiveing consignments from the traffickers.

(ii) Extra efforts have been made by Delhi Police through the Police Station Special Staff and the anti-Narcotic Section of the Crime Branch to apprehend the drug pedlers|traffickers, smugglers and make seizures. Since the introduction of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985, the various branches of Delhi Police launched a special drive against Narcotics, particularly Heroin and Smack.

(iii) Close liaison is being maintained with the other enforcement agencies, specially in the cases where inter-State, or international trafficking is found or suspected. The traffickers|pedlars|smugglers are being interrogated to unearth the syndicates.

(iv) Special watch is being maintained at the entry and exit points of the Union Territory of Delhi. Some significant seizures have been made at the borders, Railway Stations and Bus Stops.

**Running of unauthorised Discotheque in Delhi**

2236. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an unauthorised Discothe-

was inaugurated in June, 1986 in Anand Parbat, Delhi; and

(b) if so, what action is proposed to be taken against the owner for running an unauthorised Discotheque?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Proprietor of the Restaurant was challaned for unauthorisedly running a discotheque. Stay orders, however, have been granted by the Delhi High Court.

**Review of working of Zonal Councils**

2237. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any review of the working of the Zonal Councils set up under the States Reorganisation Act, 1986; and

(b) if so, to what extent these Zonal Councils have achieved the objective for which these were set up and, in the light of the experience gained, what changes are contemplated by Government to make these Councils more relevant to the prevailing situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Zonal Councils have provided a useful forum for discussion of and making a coordinated approach to, important economic development, socio-economic problems of the member-states relating to planning and other matters of common interest. Efforts are made to hold regular meetings of the Councils and their Standing Committees. The machinery of the Zonal Councils has *in-buit* system of review of the progress made in the implementation of their recommendations by the concerned State Governments and/Central Ministries. There is no proposal at present change the set-up of the Councils and their functions.

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**Setting up of separate Courts for conducting trials of terrorists**

2238. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to set up separate courts for conducting trials of terrorists; and

(b) whether Government are considering other measures to firmly deal with the menace of terrorism and with communal elements, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1985 already provides for the trial of offences viz. terrorist acts and disruptive activities by the Designated Courts.

(b) The situation is kept under constant review in consultation with the State Governments. It is for the State Governments to take necessary administrative measures to firmly deal with the menace of terrorism and with communal elements. The Central Government provides necessary assistance. Guidelines have been issued to the State Governments/U.Ts. for controlling communal distrurbances and promotion of communal harmony.

**Surrender by sikh terrorists after crossing over from Pakistan**

2239. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the HOME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 300 Sikh terrorists have recently crossed over from Pakistan and surrendered to the security forces narrating tales of torture and physical abuses at the hands of Pakistani intelligence authorities;

(b) if so what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Pakistan has recently set up two new training camps near the famous Hajipur pass and Cheraf; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken